SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Sir, he has mentioned about the package of benefits and compensation to be given to the policemen killed. Now, Sir, there is a rise in the terrorist activities and even in the city of Delhi, extremist activities are there Recently, in the Chittaranjan Park area, the extremists killed many people Now, in such cases, what happens is that after these killings the police people came So, Sir, I would like to know whether there is really any confrontation with the terrorists by the police Are there such cases? Is it the reason that the package of compensation is not sufficient to inspire the policemen to confront the terrorists? Is it so? Do you think that to inspire the policemen to confront the terrorists or criminals this is sufficient or is it to be increased?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM I do not think that is the reason

MR CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr Anand Sharma

SHRI ANAND SHARMA . Sir, it is heartening to note that the Government is giving employment to the dependants of the deceased and even to the dependents of those who die in harness I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is aware that in many cases the dependents keep on struggling for years to get employment, and also as a general rule it is the lowest post which is offered to the dependents of the deceased. There are instances when an officer has died the dependent son who is a graduate or a post-graduate is offered employment as a constable. Will the Government consider offering suitable employment to the dependents of the deceased who die in action?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM Sir, the orders of the Government in this behalf are that employment suitable to the qualification of the dependent family member should be given I am not able to answer the general question of the hon. Member But I agree with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Member If he has any specific case in mind where suitable employment in accordance with the qualifications has not been given, I will look into the matter

MR CHAIRMAN : Next question 144.

Terrorist bases in Terai area of U.P.

*144 SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA :

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India of the 25th September, 1987 regarding building up of bases by some prominent terrorist groups in the Terai area of Uttar Pradesh for stepping up their unlawful activities in that State; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The Government have seen the report

(b) It would not be correct to say that the Terai area in U P is serving as a base for prominent terrorist groups for their unlawful activities However, some incidents have occurred in which some persons have been arrested for criminal activities, including possession of arms in contravention of Arms Act The Government is vigilant and fully alive to the situation

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा मान्यवर, मंत्री जी ने जिस हल्के-फुल्के ढंग से सवाल का जवाब दिया है, मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि भूतपूर्व डी.आई.जी. मान ने हथियापालन में जहां आतंकवाद का एक ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर कायम किया था, उसके बारे में माननीय मंत्री जी पूरा विवरण हमारे सदन को दें। इसके साथ ही तराई में कौन-कौनसे आतंकवादी गुट सक्रिय हैं, इसकी भी पूरी जानकारी हमको मिलनी चाहिए ।

कितने बैंक लूटे गये और कितना रुपया लूटा गया और साथ ही साथ 17 राइफल्स जो लूटी गईं, तो उनमें से कितने राइफल्स आपने

*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Ram Naresh Kushawaha.

बरामद किये, या एक भी नहीं हुआ? अगर बरामद नहीं हुआ, तो क्यों? इससे लगता है कि आप सीरियस नहीं हैं जब कि पंजाब की लहर धीरे-धीरे उत्तर प्रदेश में भी आ रही है। माननीय मन्त्री जी से मैं निश्चित रूप से जानना चाहूंगा कि कितने राइफल्स बरामद हुए, कितना रुपया लूटा गया और हथियार-पालन के ट्रेनिंग कैम्प के बारे में उनकी क्या निश्चित जानकारी है, इसके बारे में पूरा विवरण दें।

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM Sir, with great respect, I would require a separate notice in regard to a specific case I do not have information about any specific case. I have information about incidents which have taken place in this area If the hon. Member has any specific case in mind, he may put a separate question

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा मान्यवर, क्या मैं अलग से सवाल करूं, या इसी पर अलग से जवाब देंगे।

श्री सभापति आप दूसरा प्रश्न कीजिए, वह बता देंगे।

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि गोरखपुर में वहां के एक जी आर पी के बड़े पुलिस अधिकारी के घर से कुछ आतंकवादी गिरफ्तार किये गये और उनका जाल बिहार में छपरा तक और सोनपुर तक फैला हुआ है। इसकी सूचना क्या है माननीय मन्त्री जी के पास और क्या उन आतंकवादियों का कार्यक्षेत्र गोरखपुर से लेकर सोनपुर तक पूरा पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश और पश्चिमी बिहार या केवल गोरखपुर है या केवल गोरखपुर डिविजन है, इसमें कहां तक माननीय मन्त्री जी को जानकारी है, यह पूरा विवरण देने की कृपा करें क्योंकि, मान्यवर, एक तो नैनीताल की तरफ और अंतिम छोर पर गोरखपुर में पकड़ा जाता है। तो इसका मतलब है कि समूचे तराई बेल्ट में आतंकवादियों का जाल फैल चुका है और माननीय मंत्री जी उसमें कुछ छिपा रहे हैं, पूरी बात बता नहीं रहे हैं।

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, it is not as though I am not giving full information If any specific case is put to me I can gather information about this specific case. The main question does refer to any specific case. The question deals with terrorist activities in Terai region I have information about some incidents in the Terai region I do not have information about the case which the hon Member is now referring to Therefore, if the hon Member will put a separate question or write to me about any specific case, I am willing to give the information I have never said that I will not give the information

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा मान्यवर, मैं आपसे संरक्षण चाहता हूं। पहले भी मैंने पूछा—एक अखबार का रेफरेंस दिया हुआ था। उसमें यह सारा विवरण पहले वाला है, गोरखपुर छोड़ कर उसमें भी माननीय मन्त्री जी कहते हैं कि हम को सूचना की जरूरत है। ठीक है, गोरखपुर वाला नहीं था और अखबार में भी नहीं है। लेकिन मैंने आपको अखबार के माध्यम से सूचित किया है, परन्तु जिस अखबार का हवाला मैंने दिया है उस अखबार में तो पूरा विवरण है। तो फिर उसमें आपको सूचना देने की क्या आवश्यकता है?

(व्यवधान)

श्री सभापति बैठिए। (व्यवधान) श्री कपिल वर्मा।

SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Sir, it has been widely reported in the U P press that the terrorist gangs are operating in the area of Tarai The report says that even the Centre has alerted the U P. Government that these terrorist gangs are operating and that they should be careful There are also reports that in Pilibhit, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Khiri and Kashipur police constables and other policemen have been looted and 8 rifles have been stolen There are also reports that these terrorists are distributing arms on a large scale in these areas What is the Government's information about it ?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, some incidents have taken place in Bijnor District and Nainital District and in some other districts of this region. The Government have made certain requests to the Government of U.P The U P Government has issued certain directions to the District Administration. These instructions cover many aspects of anti-terrorist

activities So far as the Government of India is concerned, we called the Police Chiefs and Chief Secretaries of all the States in the area on the 11th of July 1987 and we have worked out certain guidelines for the District Administration and the State Administration for the States in this region If you want, I can read out the guidelines which have been issued But it will take a lot of time

MR CHAIRMAN : How many policemen have been looted ? Have their cycles been stolen ? Have any cases occurred after July, *i e* after your conference

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : I have no information about any such case mentioned by the hon Member after July 1987

SHRI KAPIL VERMA What are the cases in Pilibhit, Shahajahanpur Lakhimpur Khiri etc before July, 1987 ?

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM I am willing to give the information On 18th of July, 1984 there was an incident in District Bijnor On 5th of January, 1985, there was an incident in District Nainital In April, 1986, there were certain other incidents in District Nainital. On 27th of April, 1986, there were certain other incidents in District Nainital. On 21st of July 1986, there were certain other incidents in Kashipur in Nainital District On 7th of September, 1986, there were incidents in District Ganganagar which has spilled over into Kashipur in District Nainital On 31st of August, 1986, there were incidents in Village Mirapur

MR CHAIRMAN . The main question is whether there are incidents after the conference

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM There is no such incident within my information after July 1987

SHRI KAPIL VERMA Before July 1987

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM I don't know which incidents he wants I am willing to read out the details. In Lakhimpur and certain other places, police rifles were seized from policemen. Is the hon. Member referring to the train dacoity ?

SHRI KAPIL VERMA . No train dacoity I said that policemen have been attacked and rifles have been looted

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM . There was a train dacoity on 6 UP train between Mailani and Pilibhit. (*Interruptions*) Please allow me to complete my answer. It is not fair

MR CHAIRMAN He is not referring to train dacoity.

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM . I have no other information. I have information about a train dacoity in Pilibhit. I have no other information If he tells me what the cases are, I will find out

SHRI KAPIL VERMA . Sir, there should be Half-an-Hour Discussion on it

MR CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Arrest of Scindia Shipping Company vessel 'Jala Yamuna' in the Netherlands

[†]145 SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN :

SHRI M S GURUPADASWAMY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Scindia Shipping Company Vessel 'Jala Yamuna' was arrested at Flushing Roads, the Netherlands,

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor

(c) whether a court of Middleburg in Netherlands had ordered the sale of the ship by public auction on September 9, 1987,

(d) whether India's Ambassador/Consul in Netherlands had any information in this regard and whether the same was communicated to the Govt. of India; and

[†]Previously Starred Question 65 transferred from the 11th November, 1987.